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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly enter the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3-6 and 9-18 of the amended sheets as follows.

--3. (Amended) The electrical switching device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the short-circuit current limiter is a fuse link.

4. (Amended) The switching device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the short-circuit current limit can be uploaded electrically, and the evaluation device is designed to